31st August, 1919.

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D., (On leave).

Offg. Presidency Senior Chaplain.—Rev. J. D. Mitchell, M.A., B.D., Secunderabad (Deccan.)

Ag. Joint Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.—Rev. W. Meston, M.A., B.D., College Park, Kilpauk, Madras.

Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson, Esq., I.S.O., Sir William Beardsell, The Hon. Mr. W. Hutton, W. Lamb, Esq., A. C. Puddephatt, Esq., R. W. Ross, Esq., Major A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson, Esq., W. A. Turner, Esq., and C. A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.

Organist and Choirmaster—A. W. Jones, Esq., 1/144, Mount Road.

Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Pritchard, St. Andrew's Free School.

Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Kedleston, Kilpauk.

Woman's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Turner, The Priory, Teynampet.

Woman's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. H. S. Chandler, Sunnyside, Royapettah.

Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Cranford, McNicholl's Road, Chetput, (On leave).

School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. Turner, The Priory, Teynampet.

Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Cranford, McNicholl's Road, Chetput.

Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.

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Church Notes

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without Music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays, at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE, on Thursdays, at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bonâ fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, Kedleston, Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, at 5 P.M., from January to April, and August to December.

Church Notices

Holy Communion.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the close of the morning Service on Sunday, the 10th August. There were twenty-one communicants. The next Communion will be held after the evening Service of Sunday, the 5th

October. There may be young men and women of the congregation who desire to become members of the Church by taking their place at the Lord's Table. The Chaplain will be glad to hear of any such, and will be glad to have their names so that he may make arrangements for instruction in preparation for Communion.

Rev. D. H. Gillan.—The following extract from a letter written by Mr. Gillan on the "Warwickshire" in the Gulf of Suez, on the 23rd July will be read with interest: "You and indeed many in Madras may have been wondering, naturally enough, what has become of me, but the explanation is simple. The Madras agents said that this boat would sail on the afternoon of the 11th July, so that the Madras-Colombo Mail of the 9th July was a sufficiently safe train to travel by. It was twenty minutes late in reaching Colombo Fort Station, and at 7-20 I learned that the "Warwickshire" would start at 9 A. M., and the second launch to reach her at 8 A. M. Well, I had twelve heavy packages to clear at the Customs and a number of light things with me; everything was put aboard a lighter to accompany the launch, but you will understand that letters, etc., to Madras were rather crowded out of my mind, and by the time I had thought of them we were actually off. Unfortunately the run is direct from Colombo to Suez, and by the time this reaches you I shall have been away at least a month. In the circumstances anything like a farewell in the *Supplement* seems out of place. My name will ordinarily "stand a little space"; when it is removed will be time enough to say "good-bye".

Goings and Comings.—The congregation suffers from the homeward trend of all who, after long stretches of work, are able to obtain leave. We miss Mr. Brightwell, who went home by the same steamer as Mr. Gillan, Mr. Alexander, and Captain Guthrie, all of whom are by this time in a cooler climate than Madras. Before another *Supplement* is issued Sir William Beardsell will have sailed for home by the "Mandala" and on the same steamer Miss Forbes will go on furlough. To counterbalance such serious losses there is no outward rush. We trust the time of leave will be to each of the highest benefit, and we look forward to their time of return. We hear that Mr. Silver is on his way out, but he is not yet demobilised. We shall expect to hear much of his experiences when the period of his service with the army, which has been so successful, comes to a close. The steady attendance of those who remain in Madras is a great encouragement amid such fluctuations.

Dorcas Society.—On the afternoon of Thursday, the 7th August, the poor of the congregation, including the Free School children, assembled in the school-room for the half-yearly distribution of clothing. Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, the Honorary Secretary of the Dorcas Society, made all arrangements regarding the clothing and no arrangements could possibly have been better. On this occasion over eighty articles of clothing were given away. Mrs. Chandler kindly distributed the garments. It is sufficient to say that the amount of clothing thus presented cost more than Rs. 400. This one fact shows both the extent of the benefit especially at such a time as this and the need that there is for subscribers to the Dorcas Fund. Not a few of those who have given generously in the past are now at home, and for the places thus left vacant new contributors will be heartily welcomed. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Chandler for giving away the gifts and to Mrs. Atkinson for her untiring work in connection with the Dorcas Society brought the meeting, which was attended by several of the congregation who are interested in it, to a close.

Life and Work.—By some mischance the July numbers of *Life and Work* have not reached Madras, but those for August have arrived. It is a pity to be deprived of even one number of this most interesting magazine. The post, however, may restore to us a little later what may be not lost but simply waiting an owner.

Sunday School.—The Sunday School reopened after the summer holidays on Sunday, the 10th August. We greatly missed Mr. Ashworth, the Superintendent, who, we hope, is being set up by his stay at home. The presence of Mrs. Boys has tided over a difficult time. She and Mr. Conran, faithful throughout, were the only teachers when the School resumed its work. Though a number of children are absent because of the prevailing illness over sixty were present on the opening day and the number has been more than maintained. Miss Bain and Miss

Kelly have very kindly added to their other duties by each taking a class in the School. The opportunity for good work which the School affords is so clear that if it were better known doubtless its needs would be better supplied. We appeal for more teachers and would commend this means of service at our doors to all in the congregation who are interested in, and desire to influence, the young.

Woman's Guild.—The first meeting of the Guild was held in the Church compound after the Dorcas Society meeting. It was then resolved that a tea and entertainment for soldiers should be given on that day fortnight. The Guild meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Soldiers' Entertainment.—The hour fixed for tea was 5 o'clock, but a very good representation of the guests of the evening was in the compound of the Church before 4 o'clock. Mrs. Atkinson was responsible for the entertainment, and it must have been a gratification to her to find that the careful and elaborated arrangements which she made resulted in a most happy and successful evening. Many of the men began badminton at once, others were attracted by golf, while quite a number came into the Church and went round it with interest. The tea was served in the school-room, the ready hands of willing workers making this item one of real good cheer. After tea there were in addition to golf and badminton several attractions which were much appreciated. There was a missing word competition which proved a good deal of a poser, but one out of the numerous competitors scored a bull's eye. Then skittles were very popular, not to say at times dangerous. Amusement was general over the hobby horse race, and rose to a pitch when the runners in the water chatty race persevered to the goal notwithstanding an incidental bath. Five prizes were provided for these events and we would express our hearty thanks to the donors. There was some doubt as to whether the evening would continue dry and so to run no risks the concert which followed the sports was held like the tea in the school-room. It was a great success, encores were the order of the day, and general enjoyment prevailed. The songs given by Mrs. Puddephatt, Mrs. Badcock, Miss Atkinson, the Misses Short, Miss Goudie and Miss Maggie Boys were much appreciated; Miss Bain was at her best in one of her Mrs. Murphy's recitations; and the evening owed a great debt to the playing and accompanying of Miss Short. The items which were given by Rifleman Dobell and Sergeant Pollard were an especial pleasure. It was close on 8-30 when the happy evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson for the labour which they bestowed on this first entertainment of the Guild for the season so auspiciously begun, to the many who gave such willing service at the tea, to Mr. and Mrs. Boys always so handy in these matters, and to the many friends who, both at the concert and the sports, rendered such invaluable help. A soldier asked a day or two after whether we were to have another tea the following week. The answer had to be in the negative, but the question, asked as it was, was the best testimony to the appreciation by our guests of what the Guild had done.

Since going to press we learn that the "Mandala" has been commandeered. We sympathise with Sir William Beardsell and Miss Forbes in this upsetting of their plans.

CHURCH REGISTER

Baptism

"*Suffer little children to come unto Me.*"

13th August, 1919.—Joan Beatrice, daughter of George Keith and Isobel Clare Walker.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for July, 1919

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant (Establishment and Cemetery) ...	109	0	0	To Church Estabt. for June, 1919.	175	0	0
" Seat Rents	102	0	0	" " Choir " " ...	157	0	0
" Church Collections	189	2	6	" " Servants' Batta Allowance, June, 1919 ...	20	0	0
" Refunds	10	0	0	" Organ Blowers	2	0	0
" Organ Practice	5	0	0	" Methodist Printing House Bills Nos. 62 and 121 ...	14	12	0
				" M. E. S. Co.'s Current for June, 1919	11	12	0
				" Postage and Petty Cash ...	4	5	0
				Balance Cr. this Account ...	30	5	6
Total ...	415	2	6	Total ...	415	2	6

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for July, 1919.

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	8	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment.	217	0	0
" Refund	10	0	0	" Food Account ...	105	6	0
" Cash	316	5	6	" Furniture Repairs, Bees' Wax and Oil	3	2	0
				" Filter, Chatties, Charcoal and Sand	2	10	6
				" Carpenter fixing 2 tables with extra wood	6	3	0
Total ...	334	5	6	Total ...	334	5	6

H. BOYS,
Church Clerk.

W. MESTON,
Ag. Joint Chaplain.

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